(b) These fields would be developed by companies on their own, with no participation by ONGC/OIL, under production-sharing contracts to be signed by the companies with the Government of India. Companies would also be required to bear their share of statutory levies like royalty, cess etc. Companies involved in oil exploitation would be levied income-tax at a fixed rate of 50 per cent (without surcharge). The Government of India would have the right of first refusal in respect of the oil and gas produced under all such ventures.

(c) As and when any offer is received from any other State Government Undertakings of other States, the same would be considered along with other offers.

Supply of gas from western coast to other parts of the country

2457. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total volume and value of natural gas flared away during each year since 1984-85 because of lack of storage and distribution facilities in the country;

(b) whether plans are on the anvil for laying pipelines for carrying gas from the Western coast to the other parts of the country;

(c) if so, what are the principles governing the policy for laying such pipelines: and

(d) whether laying of pipelines to the eastern zone will be duly considered in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) A statement is annexed. (See below).

(b) The concept of laying a pipeline from the Western coast to the Southern States has been accepted in principle.

(c) The availability of gas and techno-economic feasibility will be the deciding factors.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Statement

Year	Qty. Flared (MMSCM)	National Value (Rs. crores)
1984-85	2876.94	*
1985-86	3119.10	*
1986-87	2736.20	*
1987-88	3422.80	413.55
1988-89	3874.10	476.29
1989-90	5733.60	740.73
1990-91	5161.40	663.97
1991-92	4119.66	518.30
1992-93	1854.20	216.57
1993-94 (Apr. 93-Jan. 94)	1545.38	178.67

*The price of gas prior to January 1987 was fixed on ad hoc basis.

सरकारी क्षेत्र की तेल कम्पनियों द्वारा चलाई जाने वाली परियोजनायें

2458. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या तेल उद्योग के क्षेत्र में गैर सरकारी कम्पनियों और अन्य संस्थाओं की भागीदारी दिन-प्रतिदिन बढ़ती जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकारी नीतियों में परिवर्तन किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत तक सरकारी क्षेत्र की कम्पनियों द्वारा